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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the request of the Examiner in the non-final Office Action mailed January 21, 2004, Applicant hereby submits a copy of the September 12, 2002, Search Report to the foreign British counterpart application GB 0206129.9 published November 20, 2002 ("British Search Report").

Applicant submits that the omission of an acknowledgement of the existence of the British Search Report in the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 10, 2003, occurred without deceptive intention. Applicant notes that Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed March 10, 2003, which cited all references identified in the attached British Search Report, was timely filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and, as such, did not require any certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). Further, Applicant respectfully notes that the British Search Report is not itself otherwise "prior art" under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Treating the Examiner's request as a substantive request for information under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105, Applicant is attaching a copy of the British Search Report.

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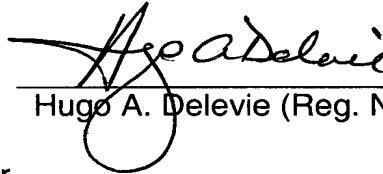
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Further, Applicant notes that foreign counterparts to this application were also filed in Germany and Japan. The German counterpart application (DE 10211582) was published without a search report on September 19, 2002, and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, a search report has not yet been issued by the German Patent Office in response to Applicant's request for substantive examination. Applicant has not yet filed a request for substantive examination in the Japanese counterpart application (JP 2002-119940).

Moreover, Applicants did not file any foreign counterpart applications based on either U.S. provisional application no. 60/215,422 filed June 30, 2000, or its "child," U.S. patent application no. 09/870,251 filed May 5, 2001 (the applications erroneously identified in the "Cross-Reference to Related Applications" of the original specification as filed).

Applicant respectfully submits that, by this Paper, Applicant has fully responded to the Examiner's request for information set forth in the Office action mailed January 21, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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